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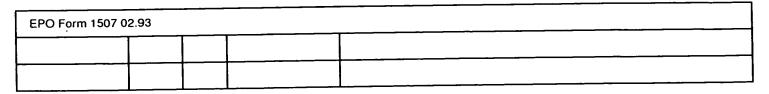
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1. Claims: 1-3,7,8,12-15

Inverted microscope with attachable/detachable cameras.

2. Claims: 4-6,9-11

Inverted microscope with builtin image display.



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